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THE FIRST CHURCH,

ELIOT SQUARE, ROXBURY, BOSTON.

Church Gathered in 1631. This house dedicated June 7, 1804.

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Services.

THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
begins precisely at 11 o'clock.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
begins at 10 A. M. in Putnam Chapel from the first Sunday in October to the first Sunday in June.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE
is on the first Sunday in every month, immediately after the Morning Service.

In the early part of the present century, a liberal Church movement under the lead of Dr. Channing, swept over New England, and affected many of the older parishes. This Church, under the ministry of Rev. Dr. Porter, 1782-1833, following a line of theological and religious development, it hopes to continue always, united with that movement. In hearty sympathy with the declaration of the National Conference, held at Saratoga in 1894, it accepts, in common with all the Unitarian churches of America, the religion of Jesus, holding in accordance with his teaching, that practical religion is summed up in love to God and love to man.

Meetings, Organizations, Charities.

THE ROXBURY FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in 1827, and ever since has been a very efficient aid in the charities of Roxbury. It gives employment in sewing to a large number of women, and distributes many garments to the needy. It meets for its work, at Putnam Chapel, every Monday morning at ten o'clock. It has an employment committee and a loan and gift committee. It has invested funds amounting to $7,600.

President, Mrs. Mary A. Wells. *Vice-President*, Mrs. Charles Pollock.
Secretary, Miss Julia Worthington.
Treasurer, Mr. Gorham Rogers. *Auditor*, Mr. Henry W. Putnam.

THE JOHN ELIOT CLUB.

This Club was organized in 1890 for the purpose "of bringing the gentlemen of the Parish into closer and more helpful relations to their Pastor and to one another, and promoting an active interest in the religious and social life of the Church." The meetings are held at The Thorndike, on the first Thursday evenings of December, February and April.

President, Azariah Smith.
Vice-presidents, Robert C. Metcalf, Dependence S. Waterman.
Secretary, S. Everett Tinkham, *Treasurer*, Alfred Bunker.
Executive Committee:
Frederick D. Stackpole, Henry D. Forbes, William S. Rumrill.
Kilby Page, Matthew Binney, Harlan P. Whitcomb.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.

This is the branch of "the National Alliance," connected with the First Church, and its aim is to enlist the interest of every woman in the Church in denominational and missionary work. Its meetings are held the first Tuesday in every month from October to May, in Putnam Chapel at three o'clock. The first half hour is devoted to business, then follows a talk or lecture, afterwards tea is served, and a half hour given to conversation. The annual membership is one dollar. Connected with it are the Post Office Mission, and the Cheerful Letter Exchange.

President, Mrs. Alfred Bunker. *Vice-President*, Mrs. P. O'M. Edson.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Theodore M. Plimpton.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Francis Ware.
Treasurer, Mrs. Lucretia H. French.

Directors:—Mrs. James De Normandie, Mrs. Austin Sumner, Mrs. M. A. Wells, Mrs. Azariah Smith, Mrs. John Tetlow, Mrs. George Morrill, Mrs. F. L. Cruft, Mrs. Frank Jenks, Mrs. Alfred Bullard, Mrs. Henry Revere, Mrs. Henry D. Forbes, Mrs. A. H. Sawyer, Mrs. Henry D. Wilmarth, Mrs. Wm. C. Collar, Miss Anne F. Reynolds, Miss Julia Worthington, Miss Stackpole.

Post Office Mission—Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Coolidge, Miss Pettes, Miss Anne F. Reynolds, Miss Williams.

Cheerful Letter Exchange—Mrs. Leonard Ware, Mrs. Francis Ware, Mrs. Withington, Mrs. Azariah Smith, Miss Rumrill.

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Calendar.

April.

1. Wednesday—3.30 P. M. Bible Class at Mr. De Normandie's Study for the young ladies of the Parish.
5. Sunday—11 A. M. Easter Sunday. Morning Worship. Mr. De Normandie will preach. Contribution for the American Unitarian Association. Easter Service for the Sunday School.
6. Monday—10 A. M. Meeting of Female Benevolent Society in Chapel.
7. Tuesday—3 P. M. Meeting of the Women's Alliance at the Chapel. Mrs. Ednah Cheney will speak about Margaret Fuller.
   8 P. M. Meeting of the Roxbury Charitable Society at its Rooms.
8. Wednesday—3.30 P. M. Meeting of the Bible Class.
12. Sunday—11 A. M. Morning Worship. Mr. De Normandie will preach. Sunday School at 10 A. M.
13. Monday—10 A. M. Meeting of the Female Benevolent Society.
15. Wednesday—3.30 P. M. Bible Class.
19. Sunday—11 A. M. Morning Worship. Mr. De Normandie will preach. Sunday School at 10 A. M.
20. Monday—10 A. M. Meeting of the Female Benevolent Society.
22. Wednesday—3.30 P. M. Bible Class.
23. Monday—6 P. M. *Meeting of the John Eliot Club at the Thorndike. Ladies' Night. Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale will give the address upon "Reminiscences of the Unitarian Fathers."*

    It will always be a great help to Mr. De Normandie in his pastoral work, if he can meet at the John Eliot Club all the gentlemen of the Parish.
24. Friday—11 A. M. Meeting of the Directors of the Women's Alliance at 45 Lambert Avenue.
26. Sunday—11 A. M. Morning Worship. Mr. De Normandie will preach. Sunday School at 10 A. M.
27. Monday—10 A. M. Meeting of Female Benevolent Society.
29. Wednesday—3.30 P. M. Bible Class.

AID TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

This Church supports a bed called "the Putnam Ward and Free Bed" in the "New England Hospital for Women and Children." It also furnishes a room in "The Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society." It also supports the Printing Department of "The South End Industrial School," and by the generosity of a parishioner "The Primary Sewing Class" in that School, and in every way has been one of the largest contributors to this admirable charity, and more than half of its invested funds are from the legacy of a devoted member of this Church.

The ROXBURY CHARITABLE SOCIETY is in a special sense the child of this Parish; although its Executive Committee is now made up of members of several churches. For a century it has been the instrument through which thousands have preferred to give their charities, and as there is always a demand, so its doors are always open to receive garments, food and money for the poor, the sick, and the suffering. The three generous legacies forming the Davis, Snow and Williams funds of over $140,000 and making almost the sum total of its investments were from members of this parish.

O. and G. H. NORCROSS,
AUG. 1, 1901

Minister:

JAMES DE NORMANDIE, 45 Lambert Avenue.

Standing Committee:

DEPENDENCE S. WATERMAN, JAMES C. DAVIS, S. EVERETT TINKHAM.

Deacons:

EDWARD B. REYNOLDS, JOHN J. MAY,
HENRY D. WILMARTH, ROBERT C. METCALF.

Music.

Organist: PHILIP HALE.

Choir:

Mrs. HARRIET R. MORGAN, Mrs. EDITH WOODS,
Mr. ARCHIE MAC DONALD, Mr. CHARLES H. BENNETT.

Ushers:

B. P. CHENEY CLAPP, NATHAN S. ROBINSON,
WILLIAM S. RUMRILL, JOHN W. EDSON,
PHILIP B. SAWYER, ROBERT L. DE NORMANDIE.

Mr. De Normandie may usually be found at his study, 45 Lambert Avenue, and counts it no interruption whenever any parishioner needs his counsel or help, or presence in any time of joy or trouble; but the most convenient hours for callers are 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Any person or persons securing seats and pews, or any person or persons sitting with those who already have pews or sittings, are requested to send their names to the minister. He also requests to be informed whenever anyone is ill.

During the winter, Parish parties are held occasionally in Putnam Chapel, to which all members of the Parish, both young and old, both near and distant, are very cordially invited.

COLLECTIONS.

A collection is taken on the first Sunday in January for the general charities of the church.

A collection is taken on Easter Sunday for the missionary work of the denomination by the American Unitarian Association.

A collection is taken on the first Sunday of every other month or the general purposes of the church.

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